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INTRODUCTION

MISSION STATEMENT
As an international provider of quality educational programs for students seeking to further their knowledge of dog training techniques and methods, we prepare students to become successful, professional dog trainers.

HISTORY
Highland Canine Training, LLC was founded in 2006, as a full-service dog training facility in North Carolina. Highland Canine Training offers a variety of dog training programs and programs such as professional obedience and behavior modification programs, service dog sales and training, police K-9 sales and training, protection dog sales and training, search and rescue dog training, as well as program offerings in specialty areas.

Based on considerable demand from our alumni and prospective students, in 2013 we developed our Service Dog Trainer Program and our Master Trainer Program.

WHAT MAKES HIGHLAND CANINE TRAINING, LLC STAND OUT
Highland Canine Training is a premier provider of canine educational programs for those wanting to learn to train and work with dogs. Our programs are the best way to either start or augment your career with dogs.

COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAMS
Highland Canine Training, LLC Professional Dog Trainer School and certificate programs teaches everything you need to be a professional dog trainer. Our dog trainer education programs offer the most progressive and innovative methods of dog training to jump start or enhance your career as a professional dog trainer.

We offer comprehensive programs that allow you to focus on specialty areas such as service dog training, police K9 training, detection dog training, protection dog training, search and rescue dog training, and more.

Regardless of your current skill level and experience working with dogs, our Professional Dog Trainer Programs have something to offer. Our goal is to meet the learning requirements of each individual student, and our programs can be customized to meet those needs.

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT
Our curriculum has been developed to provide you with the necessary skills to become a proficient dog trainer in the areas of study. Our curriculum is regularly reviewed and updated to ensure that students are provided with the most current information in the industry. Our curriculum is also designed to provide the student with a variety of techniques that can be applied to accomplish their goals as a dog trainer.
EXPERIENCED INSTRUCTORS

Prior to being hired at our School for Dog trainers all of our instructors are required to have ample training and field experience sufficient to meet state regulations in North Carolina where our school is licensed to operate. Because of their real-life experiences as a dog trainer, they are able to convey information and techniques to students that are invaluable.

Our staff continuously strives to remain up to date on dog training techniques and methods in this ever changing industry by regularly attending training programs, seminars and conferences.

ERIN PURGASON, BS, CPDT-KA
OWNER

Erin is the owner of Highland Canine Training, LLC and has been a sworn law enforcement officer since 2002. She directs our obedience and behavior modification training programs and also assists with the training of dogs for police patrol, detection, and search and rescue. Erin also oversees our Assistance Dogs for Autism Program and assists with training dogs and working with their new families. Erin has worked with animals in clinical settings since 1995 and has owned and worked with dogs all her life. Erin also has experience handling scent discrimination tracking dogs, including a bloodhound as a search and rescue dog handler. Erin is a member of the Association of Professional Dog Trainers APDT# 74668 and a certified American Kennel Club Canine Good Citizen evaluator.

JASON PURGASON
TRAINING DIRECTOR

Jason is the training director of Highland Canine Training, LLC. A reserve police officer and former Police Canine Handler, Jason conducts police canine handler programs as well as trainers’ programs and all working dog training. Jason earned his Police K9 Instructor’s Certification and has trained canines in the areas of Narcotics Detection, Explosives Detection, Police Patrol, Urban Disaster, Scent Discrimination Tracking, and Cadaver Detection. Jason has instructed seminars for Police Canine Handlers at NASA, the Pentagon Police, and for many other professional, government, and law enforcement teams across the world. Jason is also a Member of the Association of Professional Dog Trainers APDT# 76692 and a certified American Kennel Club Canine Good Citizen evaluator.
KRESS WALTERS, BS
INSTRUCTOR

Kress Walters serves both as an instructor and trainer at our School for Dog Trainers as well as training dogs at our facility in Harmony, NC. Kress specializes in on and off leash training programs as well as rehabilitation programs for dogs with severe behavioral problems. Kress assists with instructing students attending our Canine Training and Behavior Modification Professional Program as well as our Master Trainer Program.

Kress utilizes quick and easy methods for training and teaching pet dog owners. The approach is simple: teach dog owners how to understand and properly communicate with their dogs to create a positive, productive relationship. Some of the methods of dog training that they utilize for teaching dogs include Clicker Training, Positive Reinforcement, motivational skills training, as well as remote collar training. Like our other trainers, Kress continues to further his knowledge in the dog training field by attending seminars and classes as well as working with shelter and rescue dogs.

Kress also specializes in teaching agility, K9 Scentwork, Protection dog training and other activities that challenge dogs both mentally and physically. Kress has worked as a volunteer with a local Charlotte rescue organization both as a foster and trainer. He helps increase the dog’s chances of adoption by socializing and correcting misbehaviors. Kress is a member of the Association of Professional Dog Trainers, Member #80023.

SGT. GARY SIMPSON
INSTRUCTOR

Gary Simpson has over 20 years of experience in Law Enforcement to include; Patrol Officer, Gang Investigator, Narcotics Investigator, B.L.E.T. Instructor and 16 years as an Interstate Criminal Interdiction Officer with 8 of those years as an active K-9 handler.

Simpson has recorded over 3700 training hours with a focus in Advanced Criminal Interdiction. He has conducted training from Colorado to Florida in the field of Criminal Interdiction dealing with bulk currency seizures, narcotic seizures, use of K-9 and hidden compartments. Gary has also been an active instructor for US Customs and the NCEA for several years in the field of Advanced Patrol & Criminal Interdiction.

Simpson’s interdiction career began in Forsyth County, NC where he was a supervisor and active team member of the Interstate Criminal Enforcement Team. During his interdiction career, he has been involved in numerous record breaking seizures in North Carolina. Simpson has conducted hundreds of “cold traffic stops” that resulted in high volume seizures of narcotics along with millions of dollars in US Currency and stolen property. During his interdiction efforts Simpson has discovered and been exposed to hundreds of hidden compartment/trap vehicles from CMV to passenger cars. Through testimony in the federal court system on the use of K-9, Simpson was deemed an expert in the field of Criminal Interdiction.
CHRISTINE ANDERSON
INSTRUCTOR

Christine Anderson retired as a Chief Petty Officer in the US Navy after 20 years of honorable service.

Upon approaching retirement, she contemplated her next step in life, and her love for dogs made the decision easy. Christine recognized the difference that dogs made in her own life and knew that training dogs would not only be rewarding but ultimately help many dogs and their people live happier and fulfilling lives.

Christine completed multiple dog trainer courses to learn different methods of training and excelled in dog obedience and behavior modification. She has experience training dogs from all walks of life, working with different breeds and evaluating dogs, their behaviors and temperaments. She currently teaches group classes, private lessons and trains service dogs.

Christine graduated from the Master Trainer Course at Highland Canine Training School for Dog Trainers with a focus on obedience, behavior modification, and service dogs.

BRANDI WALLWORK
INSTRUCTOR

Brandi Wallwork recognizes how important it is that every dog owner be able to understand their dog and know how to effectively communicate with them. Her passion for understanding and training dogs was sparked when her own dog became highly reactive and aggressive toward other dogs. She realized many others must be struggling with similar situations and now strives to help anyone facing difficulties with their beloved pets.

Brandi has been an active member of several animal rescue organizations since 2010, helping spread the importance of adoption in the community and fostering homeless cats and dogs. She managed a dog daycare and boarding facility for three years, therefore she has firsthand experience of each individual dog’s unique personality and temperament. She understands the importance of honesty and excellence in customer service.

Brandi graduated from the Highland Canine Training School for Dog Trainers with a focus on Obedience, Behavior Modification, and Service dogs.
COREY ARCHER
INSTRUCTOR

Corey has been handling working dogs for over 15 years and brings this experience and knowledge to our clients in Alabama to assist them in solving problems such as aggression, dominance, fear, shyness, biting, jumping, as well as other behavioral issues.

Corey conducts training and certifications for Police and Search and Rescue dogs and handlers. Corey has helped to train both Law Enforcement and Military handlers in Police Patrol, Narcotics, Explosives, Cadaver, Trailing, and Search and Rescue. Corey assists in conducting handler programs and regularly instructs at Highland Canine Training, LLC’s School for Dog Trainers.

Corey utilizes proven and simple methods for instructing dogs and their owners / handlers. Corey’s style is straightforward and he has a very goal oriented approach to training and resolving problems. His goal is to always improve relationships between dogs and their owners by teaching effective communication and basic principles of learning. He focuses on assisting clients in dealing with and rehabilitating issues such as dominance aggression, fear aggression, territorial aggression, phobias, shyness, and neurotic behaviors. Corey continues to further his education in the dog training field by attending seminars and classes, as well as working with police and search and rescue canine teams.

Corey also participates in our Assistance Dogs for Autism Program by assisting with deliveries of Service dogs to their new families. Corey enjoys working with children and families affected by Autism Spectrum Disorders and his experience with people and dogs makes him a valuable asset to our team.

JEFF JORDAN
INSTRUCTOR

Jeff Jordan has been training and handling Cadaver dogs for nearly 20 years. He graduated from The Citadel - The Military College of SC in 1983. He also earned a Master's Degree in Secondary School administration from Winthrop University. He retired from the Kershaw County, SC School District in 2012 after serving as a teacher, coach, and assistant principal at Camden High School then principal of Camden Middle School. He is now an instructor and coach at Camden Military Academy in Camden, SC. Jordan is a Colonel in the South Carolina State Guard having served for 28 years. He currently is on division staff and serves as the ESF 9 LNO and commands the K9 Special Operations Unit. He, along with K9 Fritz, were assigned to the Southwest Louisiana Task Force in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina to recover human remains in the Lower 9th Ward of New Orleans. He currently trains and handles two GSD cadaver dogs, K9 Trooper and K9 Kelsie.
STEVE RUSSO, INSTRUCTOR

Steve Russo has 19 years of experience as a K9 handler, starting his working dog career at the Delaware County Prison in Pennsylvania as a handler. Steve quickly excelled in the unit and was promoted as the unit Sergeant. Steve conducted the direct supervision and training of 12 K9 Officers and dogs within a working dog unit where he spent 10 years.

Steve is currently a K9 handler with the K9 Unit for Upper Darby Township Police in Pennsylvania. Additionally, he is a 7 year member of the Departments Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT), as a K9 handler and operator, and on-call K9 handler for the area DEA Task Force for Narcotic Interdiction.

Steve is a graduate of 3 separate Patrol and Narcotics Handler Courses at the Global Training Academy in San Antonio, Texas; A basic Police K9 Trainer/Instructor class with Gold Coast K9 (California); and a graduate of the 12 week Police K9 Trainer/Instructor School with Highland Canine in North Carolina.

Steve has been recognized for Valor, Bravery, Heroism, Unit, and Merit awards; Captain Thomas Larson Memorial Award; Citations of Appreciation for Police K9 work in the Community from the Pa Senate; 2013 South East Pennsylvania Police Officer of the Year; and the 2014 Mayors Award.

JERRY PARDUE, BS, INSTRUCTOR

Jerry Pardue is a 1972 graduate of Appalachian State University with a Bachelor of Science in Business and Economics. Most of his professional career was spent in animal nutrition, feed formulation, and the economics of feeding. His last 19 years was spent representing Manna Pro Products throughout North and South Carolina during which time he spoke before many professional clubs and associations on various aspects of nutrition, wrote articles that appeared in various professional magazines and many breeder and livestock sports periodicals.

JARED KOMAR, BS, INSTRUCTOR

Jared has been working with dogs since he was a child and started his professional career with Highland Canine Training in 2009. He has helped rehabilitate shelter dogs to help them get adopted quickly, worked with pet dogs and their owners to work through everything from basic/advanced obedience to behavior modification. He has experience with working
dogs and has assisted with training for Homeland Security, city and state law enforcement agencies, and the United States Army. He specializes in not only training the dog but teaching their owners and students the psychology behind why dogs act a certain way, and more importantly, how to fix behavioral issues.

As a graduate of Highland Canine School for Dog Trainers, Jared now helps incoming students not only work with dogs but with the business management aspect of the dog training business. With over 15 years of sales and business management experience, he can teach you the fundamentals of training a dog and also help you get your business up and running in little to no time.
STATE APPROVALS

Highland Canine Training, LLC School for Dog Training is licensed by the North Carolina State Board of Community Colleges. "The North Carolina State Board of Community Colleges is not an accrediting agency."

North Carolina Community College System
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Raleigh, North Carolina 27603
(919) 807-7100

North Carolina State Approving Agency for Veterans and Military Education
120 Penmarc Drive, Suite 103
Raleigh, North Carolina 27603
(919) 280-3690

North Carolina Private Protective Services
4901 Colennwood Ave. #200
Raleigh, North Carolina 27612
(919) 788-5320

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Association of Professional Dog Trainers
International Association of Canine Professionals

APPLYING FOR ADMISSION

Requirements for application to any of our programs are:

1) Must be at least 18 years of age.
2) Completed application form
3) "A copy of the high school transcript" / "a copy of the certificate of high school equivalency," or CASAS ability to benefit test may be taken before admissions.
4) Background check.

APPLICATION STEPS

Print out and complete the .pdf application form available at www.internationaldogtrainerschool.com

Submit a completed .pdf application form either (a) scan copy of application, packet send by e-mail to learntotraindogs@highlandcanine.com or (b) fax to +17046314819 or (c) mail to

Highland Canine Training, LLC
School for Dog Trainers
145 Foxfield Dr.
Harmony NC, 28634

If accepted, admissions will notify students by e-mail. Student should review and return all appropriate admissions documents.
If total tuition is greater than five-thousand dollars ($5,000), the school may collect up to 50 percent of the total tuition prior to that mid-point of the program. The remainder of the tuition may be collected only when the student has completed one-half of the program. Federal regulations regarding the disbursement of tuition shall supersede state disbursement regulations stated in this Rule. Payments can be made by check, cash, Mastercard, Visa, Discover, American Express and PayPal.

![Tuition Financing](image)

We offer 0% interest and low monthly payments while students are attending school and can work with you to establish a payment schedule that you can easily manage.

**VA and GI Bill Benefits Accepted**

Our School for Dog Trainers accepts GI Bill and other Veterans Affairs benefits for many of our programs.

**REGISTRATION**

Prospective students must submit a completed enrollment packet and be accepted for admission before enrolling in any programs.

**TUITION AND FEES**

**Tuition is:**

**Master Dog Trainer Program**

$17,775 - 24 week Program

**Service Dog Trainer Program**

$13,775 - 18 week program

**Obedience and Behavior Modification Professional Program**

$5,850 - Level 1 - 6 week program
$7,775 - Level 2 - 8 week program
$9,750 - Level 3 - 12 week program

**Police K9 Trainer/Instructor Program**

$7,775 - Level 1 - 8 week program
$5,850 - Level 2 - 6 week program
$9,950 - Level 3 -12 week program

**Search and Rescue Dog Trainer Program**

$7,375 - Level 1 - 8 week program
$5,650 - Level 2 - 6 week program
$9,550 - Level 3 - 12 week program

**Detection Dog Trainer Program**

$7,375 - Level 1 - 8 week program
$5,650 - Level 2 - 6 week program
$9,550 - Level 3 - 12 week program

**Protection Dog Trainer Program**

$7,375 - Level 1 - 8 week program
$5,650 - Level 2 - 6 week program
$9,550 - Level 3 - 12 week program

**Detection Specialist Program**

$13,720 - Level 1 - 6 week program

**K9 Specialist Program**

$15,740 - Level 1 - 8 week program
**Registration Fee:** A non-refundable $500.00 registration fee is due no later than 1 week prior to the program.

Registration is on a first come, first served basis.

**PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS**

A student enrolling in any of our available programs must be able to, and hereby agrees that he or she can:

- Attach and detach animal training collars and leashes.

- Grasp and hold a leash, controlling small, medium and large dogs.

- Be able to reach above and below shoulder height with both hands.

- Be outdoors in various weather conditions.

- Lift up to 40lbs.

- Carry up to 20lbs.

- Physically restrain large dogs.

- Hear normal conversation up to 100ft away and in close proximity to others.

**INHERENT RISKS**

Student recognizes that training and working with dogs can be physically demanding. The student understands that injuries can and do occur to people and dogs. Highland Canine Training, LLC is not responsible for injuries that occur to any student or dog from participating in activities related to or part of our training programs.

**TRANSFER CREDITS**

Due to the unique nature of our programs our school does not recognize or credit any transferred programs from other education facilities or institutions.

**CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CONDITIONS FOR ADMISSIONS & ACTIVE ENROLLMENTS**

Highland Canine Training, LLC is committed to providing a safe learning environment for all students and faculty. An application from a prospective student that indicates a history of being convicted of or pleading guilty or no contest to a violent crime or other type of felony will be subject to further review by Highland Canine Training, LLC before being accepted. This policy extends to those students who have already enrolled or are active students. Conviction of a felony while attending, or while awaiting a first class start is grounds for termination or denial. Certain felony convictions and charges, or convictions for drug offenses will also limit an applicant’s eligibility to apply for and receive federal student loans and grants. With regard to admissions decisions, Highland Canine Training, LLC, after its review, will notify students in writing of its decision to accept or deny the application for enrollment.

Highland Canine Training, LLC will not, however, accept applicants who:

Have been convicted of, or plead guilty, or no contest to a violent crime involving a weapon.

Have been convicted of, or plead guilty or no contest to sexual assault or other
sexually related crime, including but not limited to child pornography or any non-consensual, involuntary sexual act.

Have been convicted of, or plead guilty or no contest to a felony within the previous year.

Have been convicted of, or plead guilty or no contest to a felony and released from prison within one year of expected enrollment date.

Have been convicted of, or plead guilty or no contest to murder, attempted murder or voluntary manslaughter.

Have been convicted of, or plead guilty or no contest to selling, transporting, delivering, cultivating and manufacturing, or intending to sell illegal drugs or controlled substances unless such conviction or plea is more than 15 years old.

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY**

All instruction at Highland Canine Training, LLC is conducted in English.

English language proficiency is determined by an interview with an admissions representative. Successful completion of the interview marks proficiency appropriate for classroom learning. No Standard English language test is administered.

Highland Canine Training, LLC does not provide English language learning services.

**ENROLLMENT**

Programs typically begin on the first Monday of each quarter and instruction may begin only when programs are scheduled.

Students wishing to enroll in programs should fill out an Application for Enrollment. Once your application has been received, one of our instructors will contact you about filling out a Registration Packet. A deposit is required along with your registration packet in order to hold your space in a particular class.

**TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT**

Students are provided basic tools and equipment when enrolling in a program. Other tools and equipment are available for use by students during the program. Students will be responsible for replacement cost of tools and equipment that is lost or damaged.

**GRADUATION DOCUMENTS**

Highland Canine Training, LLC awards certificates upon successful completion of programs. The graduation document awarded for the program in which the student is enrolled outlines the program completed and length of program.

**INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**

Program books are included in the price of the program and are provided to each student for their use. Other texts that are required for each program are available to be checked out from our library for use during the program. Students will be responsible for the replacement cost of any unreturned materials. Certificates will not be awarded to students that have an outstanding balance for book or equipment replacement costs.

**REGISTRATION/TESTING**

Registration should be completed at least one week prior to the start date of a particular program. Testing will be conducted for any students that require testing at least one week prior to the program start date.
School for Dog Trainers

Programs of Study
PROGRAMS OF STUDY

We have several programs of study to choose from that vary in length so that students have the opportunity to learn as little or as much as they would like.

OBEDIENCE AND BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM

Our most popular program is our Canine Training and Behavior Modification Program and is the program where many of our graduates begin with their dog training education. Many people begin this program out of a love of dogs and a desire to spend their days working with them. They are looking to make a full time career and are interested in becoming a professional dog trainer. Pet owners as well as dog rescue organizations are always in need of a professional dog trainer’s assistance both short and long term for canines in their care.

This program is offered for:
Level 1 - 6 weeks for a total of 240 hours
174 Class Hours - 66 Lab Hours

Level 2 - 8 weeks for a total of 320 hours
190 Class Hours - 130 Lab Hours

Level 3 - 12 weeks for a total of 480 hours
236 Class Hours - 244 Lab Hours

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If you are eager to be a service dog trainer and work with their handlers, our Service Dog Trainer Program is the best program for you. This intensive program will help you cultivate the appropriate skill set necessary to understand how to properly select, socialize, and train service dogs for mobility, hearing assistance, as well as other psychological disabilities. The program also covers rights and laws governing service dogs, their trainers, and their handlers.

This program is offered for:
18 weeks for a total of 720 hours

312 Class Hours - 408 Lab Hours

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**POLICE K9 TRAINER/INSTRUCTOR PROGRAM**

Our most inclusive working dog program, the Police K9 Trainer Program emphasizes tasks Police K9s and their partners are called to do. This program is ideal for current and former Law Enforcement Personnel, K9 unit supervisors and handlers, military, as well as for civilians who are interested in training and handling K9s for this fascinating work.

**Level 2 - 6 weeks for a total of 240 hours**

**76 Class Hours - 164 Lab Hours**

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SEARCH AND RESCUE DOG TRAINER PROGRAM

Our Search and Rescue Dog Trainer Program prepares you to train and handle dogs in the challenging and exciting world of Search and Rescue. We teach the fundamental skills needed to be successful in training and handling dogs for all categories of Search and Rescue Dog operations: Disaster Dog/Urban Search and Rescue – USAR, Air Scenting/Wilderness SAR, Scent Discrimination Trailing, Human Remains Detection (HRD)/Cadaver Dog for Search and Recovery Operations, Water SAR, and Water HRD.

Level 2 - 6 weeks for a total of 240 hours

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DETECTION TRAINER PROGRAM

Detection work with dogs is gaining popularity throughout the world. From Police K9 to Military Working Dogs to commercial detection dogs, people recognize the value a trained detection canine can bring to their organization. Our Detection Dog Trainer Program is designed to teach the fundamental skills necessary to be successful in the canine detection industry.

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Level 3 - 12 weeks for a total of 480 hours
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PROTECTION TRAINER PROGRAM

Protecting one’s home and family is important, and many turn to canine protection to meet their needs. Others are interested in training or handling protection dogs for competition. Our Protection Dog Trainers School teaches the skills necessary to confidently train a dog from “selection to protection.”

Level 2 - 6 weeks for a total of 240 hours

79 Class Hours - 161 Lab Hours

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Level 3 - 12 weeks for a total of 480 hours

253 Class Hours - 227 Lab Hours

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MASTER TRAINER PROGRAM

Our most inclusive dog training program is our Master Dog Trainer Program and is popular among students who are truly looking to jump-start their dog training career. This program is designed to offer you all of the tools and experience that it takes to become a successful dog trainer in an expanding and profitable industry. This program will immerse you in all aspects of dog training and allow you the opportunity to learn from some of the top trainers in the industry. Unlike other master dog training programs that simply cover dog training specialty areas for a few days, this program gives you an enormous amount of valuable hands-on experience that is required to be successful in the dog training industry.

This Program is offered for:
24 weeks for a total of 960 hours

412 Class Hours - 548 Lab Hours

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DETECTION SPECIALIST PROGRAM

The Detection Specialist program is designed for those individuals who are ready to begin a career in commercial detection or looking to enhance their skills while incorporating a trained single purpose detection dog into their work. As a single purpose detection dog is included in this program, this very specialized course combines our detection training with the purchase of a trained detection dog and gives you the knowledge and the foundation to quickly get your business off the ground and making money.

These detection dogs can be trained to detect a variety of odors depending on the nature of your company or requirements including but not limited to: narcotics, explosives, bed bug, mold and truffles.

This course will allow you to learn sound detection principles and practices as well as develop marketable handling skills in a setting that allows you to bond with your new teammate over an intensive 6 weeks and gain valuable experience running real world detection problems under the experienced eyes of our trained instructors.

Level 1 - 6 weeks for a total of 240 hours
128 Class Hours - 112 Lab Hours

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**K9 SPECIALIST PROGRAM**

The K9 Specialist program incorporates handler training with the purchase of a dual-purpose detection and patrol dog. This program is designed for current law enforcement personnel as well as civilians interested in handling a dog trained in detection as well as patrol to include; apprehension, handler protection and building searches.

These dogs can be trained in either narcotics or explosives detection in addition to the patrol work.

As a student in this program you will develop handler skills in both detection and patrol work while gaining valuable experience running real world detection and patrol problems.

This course would be ideal for those civilians interested in pursuing a career in the quickly expanding private security industry or a company wanting to add in-house K9 security to their existing program.

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**Level 1** - 8 weeks for a total of 320 hours  
*148 Class Hours - 172 Lab Hours*

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CLASS DESCRIPTIONS AND LENGTH

INTRODUCTION AND ETHOLOGY
INT-101
16 class hours, 0 lab hours
Introduction to the industry of dog training and the evolution of the domestic dogs from wolves. Students will learn about the roles of dog trainers and explore different areas of training, such as, service dogs, police dogs, therapy dogs, detection dogs, etc. Students will also explore theories of domestication and learn about differences between domestic dogs and other canids as well as innate canine behaviors and their impact on training dogs.
Primary equipment used in this program: Training manual
Prerequisites: None

APPLIED DOG BEHAVIOR
ABD-102
24 class hours, 0 lab hours
This class gives students an understanding of applied dog behavior and its use in training dogs. The class covers clicker training as a method of training dogs through the use of positive reinforcement as well as explaining baiting and luring dogs.
Primary equipment used in this program: Training manual, clicker
Prerequisites: None

APPLICATION OF TRAINING TOOLS
ATT-104
20 class hours, 20 lab hours
This class explores a variety of learning theories and principles that are used in dog training. The student will learn the proper application of reinforcement schedules as well as behavior shaping and the fundamentals of training.
Primary equipment used in this program: Training manual
Prerequisites: None

LEARNING THEORY AND PRINCIPLES
LEA-103
32 class hours, 8 lab hours
This class provides an overview of different types of training tools and their various uses. The student will learn the proper application and use of a variety of tools including the gentle leader, harness, prong collar, Martingale and remote training collar.
Primary equipment used in this program: Training manual, training collars and equipment.
Prerequisites: ABD-102, LEA-103

CANINE BEHAVIOR PROBLEMS
BEH-105
32 class hours, 8 lab hours
This class focuses on understanding common canine behavior problems and how to successfully diagnose and rehabilitate them. In this class the student will learn how to conduct proper behavior analysis of canine behavior problems as well as options for treating each of them.
Primary equipment used in this program: Training manual
Prerequisites: None
BUSINESS & MARKETING
BUS-106
30 class hours, 2 lab hours

This program covers an overview of strategies for successfully starting and operating a dog training business. Students will learn about challenges of beginning a business and marketing it successfully as well as franchise options for national dog training related businesses.

Primary equipment used in this program:
Training manual

Prerequisites: None

WORKING WITH CLIENTS
CLI-107
4 class hours, 4 lab hours

In this class students will learn how to properly teach clients how to train their own dogs. This class covers some of the pitfalls of working with clients and how to deal with them. Also covered in this class are methods of properly setting up and teaching group classes, and other dog training lessons.

Primary equipment used in this program:
Training manual

Prerequisites: None

DOG SPECIALTIES
SPE-108
4 class hours, 8 lab hours

Students will explore a variety of dog related specialties, such as, triebball, herding, rally obedience, agility, barn hunt tests, K9 scent work, competition obedience as well as others. Students will learn about the resources and experience required to teach these specialties.

Primary equipment used in this program:
Training manual

Prerequisites: None

VETERINARIAN & HEALTH ISSUES
VET-109
12 class hours, 12 lab hours

Students will learn about common veterinary and health issues that impact training and overall dog health. This class teaches students how to identify and treat injuries and canine parasites. The class also teaches canine first aid and CPR.

Primary equipment used in this program:
Training manual, first aid supplies, canine resuscitation mannequin.

Prerequisites: None

DOMINANCE & AGGRESSION
DOM-201
8 class hours, 32 lab hours

Students will learn more about dominance and dominance aggression in dogs. They will also study methods of rehabilitating and managing this behavior. This class also discusses techniques for working with owners who have dogs suffering from dominance aggression.

Primary equipment used in this program:
Training manual

Prerequisites: BEH-105
FEAR & AGGRESSION
FEA-202
8 class hours, 32 lab hours

Students will learn more about phobias and fear aggression in dogs. They will also study methods of rehabilitating and managing this behavior. This class also discusses techniques for working with owners who have dogs suffering from fear aggression.

Primary equipment used in this program:
Training manual

Prerequisites: BEH-105

DOG TRICKS & THERAPY DOGS
TRI-301
8 class hours, 32 lab hours

This program covers methods for training dog tricks and therapy dogs. Students will learn how to utilize operant condition to train complex behaviors and teach dog tricks. Students will also learn about training therapy dogs, their uses and certification requirements for therapy dogs.

Primary equipment used in this program:
Training manual, wheelchair, walkers

Prerequisites: ABD-102, SPE 108, DOM-201, FEA-202

COMPETITION OBEDIENCE
COM-302
16 class hours, 24 lab hours

Students will learn the skills for teaching competition level obedience for AKC competitions as well as other competition sports such as Schutzhund, IPO, etc.

Primary equipment used in this program:
None

Prerequisites: ABD-102, LEA-103, ATT-104, DOM-201, FEA-202

TEACHING AGILITY
AGI-303
16 class hours, 24 lab hours

Students will learn how to teach skills for the fast-paced and precision sport of agility. This program teaches students how to teach agility for competition as well as practical agility skills for working dogs.

Primary equipment used in this program:
Training manual, Agility equipment

Prerequisites: ABD-102, LEA-103, SPE-108, DOM-201, FEA-202

INTRODUCTION TO SERVICE DOGS
ISR-304
6 class hours, 34 lab hours

In this class, students will explore the various types of service dogs that are used to assist individuals with disabilities. Students will learn about Autism Service dogs, Hearing Service Dog, Mobility Service Dogs and Seizure Alert/Assistance dogs.

Primary equipment used in this program:
Training manual

Prerequisites: ABD-102, LEA-103, SPE-108, DOM-201, FEA-202
SERVICE DOG OVERVIEW
SDO-210
8 class hours, 22 lab hours

Students will learn in-depth information about the training of a variety of service dogs and how they assist individuals with disabilities. This class also teaches the student about the Americans with Disabilities Act, Air Carrier Access Act and Fair Housing Act and how they apply to service dog trainers and owners.

Primary equipment used in this Program:
Training manual

Prerequisites: None

WORKING WITH CLIENTS WITH DISABILITIES
CWD-211
12 class hours, 28 lab hours

Students will learn about the challenges that are faced by service dog clients. Students learn the challenges of being in a wheelchair, being blind and deaf. Through this understanding, students will better learn how to teach and work with individuals with disabilities.

Primary equipment used in this program:
Training manual, wheelchair, walker

Prerequisites: SDO-210

TRAINING SIGNAL DOGS
SIG-212
14 class hours, 26 lab hours

Students will learn the fundamental skills of training signal dogs for individuals with hearing disabilities. This class teaches students how to train dogs to respond to alarms and other noises and to alert their handler to the sound. This class also teaches how to select dogs for this work.

Primary equipment used in this program:
Training manual

Prerequisites: SDO-210, CWD-211

SCENT DISCRIMINATION TRAILING
SDT-213
8 class hours, 32 lab hours

Students will learn about human odor theory and how it applies to trailing dogs. Students will also learn the fundamentals of training trailing dogs for scent discrimination and variable surface trailing to find lost individuals and criminal suspects. Also covered in this class are the environmental factors that affect scent discrimination trailing dogs.

Primary equipment used in this program:
Training manual

Prerequisites: LEA-103, ATT-104

MOBILITY DOG OVERVIEW
MOB-214
22 class hours, 32 lab hours

Students will learn the fundamental skills of training mobility dogs for individuals with physical disabilities. This class teaches students how to train dogs to work around manual and electric wheelchairs. This class also teaches how to select dogs for this work.

Primary equipment used in this program:
Training manual, electric wheelchair, manual wheelchair

Prerequisites: SDO-210, CWD-211
**MOBILITY DOGS – TEACHING TASKS**

**MOB-310**  
*12 class hours, 28 lab hours*

In this class, students will learn how to teach tasks that are specifically useful for mobility service dogs. Students will learn how to teach dogs to open/close doors, turn on light switches, and retrieve items as well as other common tasks.

Primary equipment used in this program:  
Training manual, wheelchair

Prerequisites: MOB-214

**TRAINING AUTISM SERVICE DOGS**

**AAD-215**  
*18 class hours, 22 lab hours*

In this class, students are introduced to teaching tasks that are specifically useful for autism service dogs. Students will learn how to teach dogs to touch a target and pair that with certain behaviors.

Primary equipment used in this program:  
Training manual

Prerequisites: SDO-210, CWD-211

**TRAINING AUTISM SERVICE DOGS 2**

**AAD-311**  
*6 class hours, 34 lab hours*

In this class, students will learn how to teach tasks that are specifically useful for autism service dogs. Students will learn how to teach dogs to touch, lay, and apply deep pressure as well as other common tasks.

Primary equipment used in this program:  
Training manual, wheelchair

Prerequisites: SDO-210, CWD-211

**TRAINING DOGS FOR SEIZURES, TBI & PTSD**

**SAD-216**  
*16 class hours, 24 lab hours*

In this class, students will learn how to teach tasks that are specifically useful for service dogs that assist persons with disabilities such as seizures, traumatic brain injury and post-traumatic stress disorders. Students will learn how to teach dogs to alert and assist those having seizures as well as other common tasks.

Primary equipment used in this program:  
Training manual

Prerequisites: SDO-210, CWD-211

**SERVICE DOGS IN PUBLIC**

**PUB-217**  
*4 class hours, 36 lab hours*

Students will learn how to effectively manage service dogs in public places such as, restaurants, malls, airports, shopping centers and other places.

Primary equipment used in this program:  
Training manual, wheelchair

Prerequisites: SDO-210, CWD-211

**MANAGING YOUR SERVICE DOG BUSINESS OR ORGANIZATION**

**BUS-218**  
*6 class hours, 34 lab hours*

This class teaches students how to successfully operate a service dog business or nonprofit organization. Students will
learn how to develop an application process, determine waiting periods and how to make determinations of qualifications for the ADA.

Primary equipment used in this program: Training manual

Prerequisites: SDO-210, CWD-211

SERVICE DOG PRACTICAL EXAM
SDP-220
2 class hours, 24 lab hours

Students will learn about public access testing and apply this to real-world applications. This class covers testing and certification of service dogs in public places.

Primary equipment used in this program: Training manual

Prerequisites: None

CANINE CASE LAW
CAS-220
8 class hours, 0 lab hours

Students will explore Federal Court Rulings that determine best practices for the use of police dogs in the United States. This class teaches both detection and apprehension cases with an emphasis on the Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments.

Primary equipment used in this program: Training manual

Prerequisites: None

POLICE K9 EQUIPMENT
PEQ-221
2 class hours, 10 lab hours

This program teaches students about the purpose, application and use of various types of equipment that is commonly used for training working dogs. This program demonstrates the proper application of bite sleeves, bite suits, harnesses as well as other common equipment.

Primary equipment used in this program: Training manual

Prerequisites: ATT-104

TRAINING DETECTION DOGS
DET-222
10 class hours, 24 lab hours

Students will learn about odor theory and how to imprint detection dogs for training in narcotics detection, explosives detection as well as other specialty detection areas. This class also covers a variety of methods for imprinting dogs and teaching the alert.

Primary equipment used in this program: Training manual

Prerequisites: LEA-103

DETECTION DOGS 2
DET-313
2 class hours, 22 lab hours

This program further explores training of detection dogs and focuses more on skills training for detection dogs. Some of the skills that are covered are: searching vehicles, searching parcels, searching buildings, etc.

Primary equipment used in this program: Training manual

Prerequisites: DET-222
CRIMINAL APPREHENSION & BITE WORK
APP-223
4 class hours, 6 lab hours

Students will learn the fundamentals of bite work including how to recognize and develop prey and defense drives in working dogs. This program covers testing and selecting dogs for criminal apprehension training. Students will also learn basic decoy skills.

Primary equipment used in this program:
Training manual, bite suit, bite sleeves

Prerequisites: LEA-103

APPREHENSION & BITE WORK 2
APP-314
6 class hours, 28 lab hours

In this class, students will learn about how to properly target, improve grip and channel drives in apprehension dogs. This program further develops the students’ ability to decoy dogs and problem solve dogs trained for bite work.

Primary equipment used in this program:
Training manual, bite suits, bite sleeves

Prerequisites: APP-223

APPREHENSION & BITE WORK 3
APP-416
6 class hours, 18 lab hours

In this class, students will learn about how to effectively handle police patrol dogs to properly target, improve grip and channel drives in apprehension dogs. This program further develops the students’ ability to handle dogs and problem solve dogs trained for bite work.

Primary equipment used in this program:
Training manual, bite suits, bite sleeves

Prerequisites: DET-222

TEACHING K9 HANDLERS
TKH-230
4 class hours, 14 lab hours

The student will learn techniques and methods of teaching K9 handlers how to work with and manage their working dogs. This class also covers how to create effective lesson plans and aspects of remedial training.

Primary equipment used in this program:
Training manual

Prerequisites: LEA-103

ADVANCED DETECTION AND INTERDICTION
ADI-231
6 class hours, 8 lab hours

This program covers concealment methods that are commonly encountered during criminal interdiction. This class also covers effectively searching passenger vehicles and criminal interdiction methods.

Primary equipment used in this program:
Training manual

Prerequisites: DET-222

TACTICAL BUILDING SEARCHES
TBS-240
8 class hours, 14 lab hours

Students will learn building search methods and strategies to conduct searches for criminal suspects as safely as possible. This program explores the clear down and cover method of conducting building searches as
well as other off-leash building search methods. This program also explores the apprehension method vs. bark and hold method of building searches.

Primary equipment used in this program:
Training manual, bite suit, bite sleeves

Prerequisites: APP-223

ADVANCED POLICE K9 TRAINING
AVP-241
6 class hours, 18 lab hours

Students will learn how to teach additional police k9 concepts such as area searches, article searches, working with arrest teams. This program also covers muzzle fighting and ground fighting.

Primary equipment used in this program:
Training manual, bite suits, bite sleeves

Prerequisites: None

SWAT K9 CONCEPTS AND INTEGRATION
SWA-242
6 class hours, 10 lab hours

This class teaches the student how to safely and effectively integrate police dogs into SWAT and tactical police and military teams. This class teaches the student how to perform perimeter operations, extractions and entries with SWAT Teams.

Primary equipment used in this program:
Training manual

Prerequisites: None

K9 UNIT SUPERVISION & MANAGEMENT
SUP-243
8 class hours, 0 lab hours

Students learn how to start, maintain and properly supervise k9 units and their personnel. This program covers a number of supervisory issues such as compensation, handler selection and appropriate K9 policy.

Primary equipment used in this program:
Training manual

Prerequisites: None

TRAINING THE WILDERNESS SAR DOG
WLD-224
8 class hours, 0 lab hours

Students will learn how to select, test and train dogs for Wilderness Search and Rescue Operations. This class explains the steps necessary to train a wilderness search dog to search vast wooded areas to locate and indicate to the presence of lost persons.

Primary equipment used in this program:
Training manual

Prerequisites: LEA-103

TEACHING WILDERNESS SEARCH DOG SKILLS
WLD-245
6 class hours, 30 lab hours

This class teaches students how to train the skills necessary to develop a viable wilderness search and rescue dog candidate. This class also teaches how to develop search strategies for working wilderness search dogs. This class provides ample hands-on training in teaching skills such as the bark alert and refind indication for Wilderness Search and Rescue Dogs.
Primary equipment used in this program: Training manual

Prerequisites: WLD-224

**TRAINING THE HUMAN REMAINS DETECTION DOG**

**HRD-225**

*8 class hours, 0 lab hours*

Students will learn how to select, test and train dogs for Human Remains Detection operations. This class explains the steps necessary to train a cadaver dog to search rubble piles, fields and aquatic environments to locate and indicate the presence of human remains.

Primary equipment used in this program: Training manual

Prerequisites: LEA-103

**HRD K9 TRAINING SKILLS**

**HRD-246**

*6 class hours, 30 lab hours*

This class teaches students how to train the skills necessary to develop a viable cadaver dog candidate. This class also teaches how to develop search strategies for working cadaver dogs. This class provides ample hands-on training in teaching skills such as the passive and active indication for cadaver dogs.

Primary equipment used in this program: Training manual

Prerequisites: LEA-103

**TRAINING THE DISASTER SEARCH Dog**

**USR-232**

*8 class hours, 0 lab hours*

Students will learn how to select, test and train dogs for Urban Search and Rescue operations. This class explains the steps necessary to train a disaster dog to search rubble piles and similar disaster scenes to locate and indicate to the presence of trapped victims.

Primary equipment used in this program: Training manual

Prerequisites: LEA-103

**TEACHING DISASTER SEARCH DOG SKILLS**

**USR-244**

*6 class hours, 34 lab hours*

This class teaches students how to train the skills necessary to develop a viable urban search and rescue dog candidate. This class also teaches how to develop search strategies for working urban search and rescue dogs. This class provides ample hands-on training in teaching skills such as the bark alert and rubble pile navigation for Urban Search and Rescue Dogs.

Primary equipment used in this program: Training manual

Prerequisites: USR-232

**K9 PROBLEM SOLVING**

**PRS-247**

*6 class hours, 10 lab hours*

Students will learn how to effectively diagnose and solve problems with protection and detection dogs. This class covers problems solving of dog teams trained for narcotics detection, explosives detection, human remains detection and protection.
Primary equipment used in this program: Training manual
Prerequisites: None

BUILDING SEARCH METHODS FOR DETECTION HANDLERS
BSM-248
6 class hours, 23 lab hours

This class teaches students effective methods for conducting building searches with a variety of detection dogs including, explosives, narcotics and cadaver dogs.

Primary equipment used in this program: Training manual
Prerequisites: None

SCENARIO BASED TRAINING FOR SAR DOGS
SAR-315
0 class hours, 6 lab hours

In this class, students will learn how to effectively solve training and handling issues and problems with search and rescue dogs. This class covers problems solving of dog teams trained for Urban Search and Rescue, Wilderness Search and Rescue and Human Remains Detection.

Primary equipment used in this program: Training manual
Prerequisites: PRS-247

SCENARIO BASED TRAINING FOR PROTECTION DOGS
SBT-316
2 class hours, 8 lab hours

In this class, students will learn how to conduct scenario based training for protection dogs. This program covers how to teach the handler attack, multiple suspects, attack under gunfire and carjacking scenarios with protection trained dogs.

Primary equipment used in this program: Training manual
Prerequisites: APP-314

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE SEARCH METHODS
CVS-249
3 class hours, 23 lab hours

The student will learn the proper methods of searching tractor trailers and other commercial motor vehicles with detection dogs. This program also covers common hiding places used by common carriers.

Primary equipment used in this program: Training manual
Prerequisites: DET-222

COMMERCIAL DETECTION SERVICES
CDS-250
2 class hours, 4 lab hours

This class teaches the student how to manage and offer commercial detection services to private clients. Students also learn how to develop service contracts and price commercial detection services.

Primary equipment used in this program: Training manual
Prerequisites: None
DOG SPORTS FOR PROTECTION DOGS
DSP-251
3 class hours, 13 lab hours

Students will learn how to train skills that are useful for protection dogs in common dog sports. Skills that the students will learn include the object guard, handler attack, passive bites, bark and hold and blind searches.

Primary equipment used in this program:
Training manual, bite suits, bite sleeves

Prerequisites: APP-314

CLOCK HOURS

Each clock hour (student contact hour) is composed of:

- A 50-60-minute class or lecture in a 60-minute period

- A 50-60-minute faculty supervised “lab”, training, or internship in a 60-minute period.

A clock hour is based on an actual hour of attendance, though each hour may include a 10-minute break.
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ACADEMIC STANDARDS & GRADING

The purpose of our School for Dog Trainers is to prepare students to be able to provide professional canine education programs as a dog trainer. For this reason, academic evaluation is regularly administered to evaluate a student’s progress in terms of proficiencies of a professional dog trainer that are expected by clients. Student grades are based on four factors: attendance, professionalism, classwork, and lab work.

HOW THE PROFESSIONALISM GRADE IS CALCULATED

The following factors are evaluated under professionalism:

Attitude – exhibiting a positive attitude when things go right and when things go wrong.

Appearance – dressing accordingly and presenting yourself as a professional dog trainer.

Work Habits and Accountability – demonstrating punctuality (not arriving late or leaving early from class), courtesy, safety, cleanliness, and ability to follow rules and directions.

Communication – listening and interacting effectively with other students and staff. This includes applying good communication skills, both in lectures and in lab work.

Teamwork – cooperating with other students to accomplish like goals.

Problem Solving – effectively solving problems when working with dogs and people and knowing when to ask instructors for help.

Ethics – simply put, is doing the right thing.

STANDARDS FOR SATISFACTORY PROGRESS

Each program varies in the assignments of hands on projects, interactive discussion, classroom time, research, presentations and exams. Students must achieve a grade 80% or higher on their over-all grade to pass the program and receive credit towards their certificate program.

Students who do not pass the program will not receive the certificate and must reapply to the school and retake the program with a passing grade to receive a certificate.

SUSPENSION FOR UNSATISFACTORY GRADES OR PROGRESS

Our School for Dog Trainers strives to assist each student in achieving their individual goals in regards to their canine education. Students who are failing a program can continue the program and receive a Certificate of Attendance as long as the minimum attendance requirements are met.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

It is essential in the pursuit of a successful education as a professional dog trainer that absenteeism is kept to an absolute minimum. Therefore, all absences, tardies, and early leaves will be recorded, regardless of the reason. Highland Canine Training, LLC School for Dog Trainers attendance policy dictates that students are not allowed
to miss more than 10 percent of the total hours for the program.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

A leave of absence may be granted for mitigating circumstances of family crisis, poor health or other significant circumstances outside the control of the student. These circumstances must be documented in writing and also must be demonstrated that the circumstances have an adverse impact on satisfactory progress of the program.

**PROGRAM REPETITIONS**

Students have the options of retaking a program and replacing it with a higher grade.

**INCOMPLETES**

Students who do not completely fulfill the requirements of a program will be given an incomplete. A grade may replace an incomplete if the student successfully completes the unfinished work within 1 calendar year.

**WITHDRAWL FROM A PROGRAM**

If students withdraw from a program, the student must adhere to the following procedures:

- Submit a formal notice of withdrawal in writing to the school Director
- Review the refund policy

**REINSTATEMENT TO A PROGRAM**

Any student wishing to reinstate themselves to a particular program of study should notify the school Director in writing prior to the beginning of the program in which they wish to attend.

**STUDENT RECORDS**

After successful completion of a certificate program students will receive a copy of their transcripts and certificate as long as their account is paid in full. Student records are secured at our corporate office. Additional transcripts can be obtained by submitting a written request at a cost of $15.00.

**GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

To be eligible for graduation, a student must have an overall score of 80% or better, and an attendance rate of at least 90% (after rounding). A candidate for graduation must also have a zero balance in his or her student account.

**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT**

Highland Canine Training, LLC School for Dog Trainers success depends on many factors, including the quality of its instruction, the success of its graduates, and the image its student's project.

There is more to being a successful dog trainer than learning the skills that are taught in class. Qualities such as dependability, appearance, positive attitude and regular attendance are as important to any client as the knowledge you possess. The rules listed below will help you develop the qualities necessary to become a successful student and professional dog trainer.

Highland Canine Training, LLC School for Dog Trainers reserves the right to impose a
variety of disciplinary actions, including suspension or permanent termination from school, on any student whose behavior: is in the violation of the Code of Conduct. To clarify, school officials will determine in their sole discretion if the Code of Conduct has been violated. Disciplinary action may be taken under this Code of Conduct regardless of whether that conduct also involves alleged or proven violation of Local, State or Federal law. Below, we have highlighted a selection of our rules and regulations.

**DRUGS/ALCOHOL**

Use or possession of drugs and drug paraphernalia while on or off Highland Canine Training, LLC School for Dog Trainers property during school activities will not be tolerated. Alcohol is prohibited on campus and at Highland Canine Training, LLC School for Dog Trainers sanctioned activities. Highland Canine Training, LLC School for Dog Trainers will also work cooperatively with police and local authorities to promote prevention strategies and, where necessary, respond to students who are in possession of or under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs. Such conduct is grounds for immediate termination from the school.

**UNPROFESSIONAL BEHAVIOR**

Any type of behavior on or off campus that is contrary to the Schools mission to provide premier professional canine training will not be tolerated. Unprofessional behavior includes, but is not limited to, using vulgar or offensive language, not following instructions, dishonesty, antagonizing behavior, spreading rumors, and being disrespectful to others. Such conduct is grounds for immediate termination from the school.

**ATTITUDE**

Proper attitude must be shown at all times. Profanity; derogatory comments; racial, ethnic or sexist remarks will not be tolerated between students or from students to staff. Such conduct is grounds for immediate termination from the school.

**DRESS CODE POLICY**

- Wear clothing that does not confine movement but is not so loose it could get caught in gates or easily be grabbed by a dog.
- Wear safe, non-slip shoes and keep them tied.
- Utilize good judgment and common sense (essential when ones’ personal safety is at stake). If a student has any doubt about whether a condition, a motion, or a dog is unsafe. DON’T DO IT.

**CONDITIONS FOR DISMISSAL**

The school reserves the right to terminate or suspend a student for any reason including, but not limited to:

- Abuse or neglect of any animal.
- Behavior which would jeopardize the physical safety of self or others
- Improper use of computer technology
- Harassment
- Sexual harassment
- Acts of dishonesty
- Plagiarism
- Hazing
- Retaliation
STUDENT COMPLAINT/GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

If a student feels he or she has an issue or grievance that needs to be addressed, the student should first take the issue to an instructor. If the complaint cannot be adequately resolved there, the student should then address it, in writing, to the Training Director or Owner at:

Highland Canine Training, LLC
School for Dog Trainers
145 Foxfield Dr
Harmony NC, 28634

If the complaint is still not resolved, students can contact:

North Carolina Community College System
200 West Jones Street
Raleigh, North Carolina 27603
(919) 807-7100

REFUNDS

Refund Policy (per 2A SBCCC 400.12)

If a student terminates this agreement prior to the commencement of the program the student will receive a refund of all monies paid.

Also, a student is eligible for a 100 percent refund if the class(es) in which the student is officially registered is cancelled due to insufficient enrollment.

If a student withdraws within the first twenty-five percent (25%) of the period of enrollment for which the student was charged the student will receive a seventy-five percent (75%) refund of all monies paid.

ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

Harmony, North Carolina, nestled in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains is the home of our School for Dog Trainers. Our facility is about an hour North of Charlotte, NC and is also convenient to Winston-Salem, Greensboro, Hickory and Lake Norman, North Carolina.

Our School for Dog Trainers location in North Carolina offers an idyllic rural setting that is ideal for learning. Our NC location has a fully equipped classroom that is perfect for lectures and demonstrations. We utilize a number of off-site facilities for training, for example, our service dog students often train dogs in public places such as, malls, theaters, shopping centers and other areas where these dogs will commonly work.

We offer complimentary airport pickup from either of our convenient international airports for anyone traveling to or from our school. Charlotte Douglas International Airport (CLT) is located about 60 minutes south of our facility and is a popular airport for many International flights. Piedmont Triad International Airport (GSO) is located about 60 minutes East of our facility and hosts daily regional and International Flights.

REVISIONS TO POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

At its discretion, the school reserves the right to revise all terms, provisions, policies, requirements, and procedures contained in this catalog. Each student will be bound by and must comply with all terms, provisions, policies, requirements, and procedures contained in this catalog.
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Start Dates
- Standard Programs
- Service Dog & Master Trainer Programs
- Advance 6 Week Programs
- Specialist Programs

Graduation Dates
- Standard and Advanced 6 Week Programs
- Service Dog Trainer Programs
- Master Trainer Programs
- Detection Specialist Program
- K9 Specialist Program

Holidays and School Closings are noted in BOLD